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**Subject:** RE: Status of Niagara County EPA Removal and Assessment Sites

Will do. Thank You.

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I appreciate all your efforts Chad. I do trust you and that is why you are there. Keep up the good work. I am supposed to be on Leave starting tomorrow. Returning to the office on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Please in with Pete throughout the week. However, if you need me, I will be checking text and emails periodically.

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**From:** Conway, R. Chad [mailto:R.Conway@WestonSolutions.com]  
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Sounds good. I will make sure to pass along your and Mike Basile’s contact information if anyone comes by. I don’t think anyone should because no one knows I’m here. I think if anyone was to come to the site, it should be in late July when you explained that we would be back out here. Things are going well. So far I have:

1. Completed categorizing all the samples in the conex box. There are 116 samples plus approximately 20-30 samples that were either tree samples or background samples. I still need to separate out what is clean and what is elevated and get weights for those categories. The good thing is that I now know what is what in the conex box so getting those samples separated should not be that difficult.
2. I am almost finished jarring up the HTC samples, and will begin preparing them for shipment to the lab. That has been a lot of work.
3. I am currently running the “Lyndsey Slag Samples” in the HPGe. Those that have been completed are being weighed and segregated by the results.
4. All the data that I am gathering is being put into data tables so it will be easy to determine what we have to dispose of. I will attach the data tables that I have generated so far.
5. Once I get the HTC samples out the door, I am going to tackle the sample material in the warehouse.

Let me know if you need anything. Thank you for trusting me to handle this endeavor. I will keep you posted on the progress that I am making.

Thank You

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**Importance:** High

Hi Chad:

How's it going? For your info, I have contacted state and local agencies as well as property owners regarding the shutdown. Below is the summary. I just wanted you to be prepared in case someone approaches you. Please defer them to me or Mike Basile if anyone does start asking questions. Thanks

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Good Afternoon:

I wanted to inform the local and state agencies prior to sending out a PolRep or when the general public is informed. I will be contacting the property owners shortly after this communication. EPA activities at the Niagara Falls Boulevard site have been suspended for the time being due to the uncertainty with the current budget situation. Funding to complete all of the work, rather than incremental funding, is preferred in order to avoid shutdown and start-up costs, security costs and other maintenance costs that would accrue in between periods of work. Thus, de-mobilization in late July is the approach I am being instructed to take. EPA anticipates returning to the NFB Site for removal work in Spring 2018 at the earliest. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Active site work at other Niagara County radiological sites will also be on hold for the time being.

- At the Holy Trinity Cemetery site, EPA needs to finalize its official decision document on the cleanup work. Additional fencing will be installed around areas of concern in Areas 2 & 4.
- At the 738 Upper Mountain Road, the EPA is still determining if it is eligible for a removal.

For NFB, HTC and 738 Upper Mountain Road:

We will instruct property owners to inform EPA if any of the existing control measures have been compromised, including:

- Asphalt pavement as a protective shield
- Fencing
- Indications of vandalism

- Utilities work that involves digging in areas of concern
- Change in occupancy or use of property

EPA's Buffalo Area On-Scene Coordinator (**Peter Lisichenko**) will periodically inspect the control measures at each site.

EPA's Buffalo Area Public Affairs Official (**Mike Basile**) will respond to public questions and concerns and work with NYSDEC Public Affairs

At NFB, the risk to workers and public have been decreased due to removal of material from an office area in GNBC, removal of material from Area 5, sealing off pot holes in the parking lot as well as securing a fence in Area 7.

At HTC, the risk to workers and public have been decreased due to a permanent chain link fence being installed around the perimeter of Area 1, high visibility fence being installed around Areas 2 and 4, and a radon mitigation being installed inside of an Area 5 residence. We will also be installing fencing around piles of slag in Areas 2 & 4.

At 738 UMR, the only area of concern identified was the end of the driveway and is not likely to present an immediate exposure risk.

Regards,

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"We must, indeed, all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately", Benjamin Franklin

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